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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

Cited in the attached PTO-1449 are U.S. Patent Nos. 4,537,839; 4,670,359; 4,684,581; 5,401,589; 5,573,867; 5,714,276; 5,813,222; 5,820,654; 5,868,117; 5,953,908; 5,964,089; 5,981,096; 6,017,646; 6,036,827; 6,045,933; 6,053,266; 6,122,909; 6,223,844; 6,232,005; 6,235,254; 6,242,120; 6,268,074; 5,837,125; 5,928,805; 5,595,833; 6,068,941 and Canadian Patent No. 2,293,898. Pursuant to the waiving of the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of these U.S. references are not enclosed.

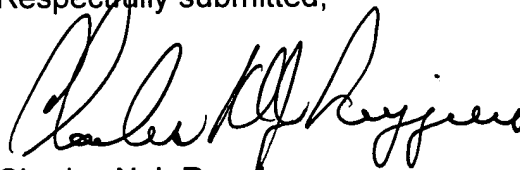
It is applicants' belief that none of the above citations describe that, which is claimed, in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the issuance of the first Office Action based on the merits, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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	4,537,839	8/27/85	Cameron	429	20	
	4,670,359	6/2/87	Beshty et al.	429	17	
	4,684,581	8/4/87	Struthers	429	19	
	5,401,589	3/28/95	Palmer et al.	429	13	
	5,573,867	11/12/96	Zafred et al.	429	17	
	5,714,276	2/3/98	Okamoto	429	17	
	5,813,222	9/29/98	Appleby	60	274	
	5,820,654	10/13/98	Gottzman et al.	95	54	
	5,868,117	2/9/99	Moote et al.	123	486	
	5,953,908	9/21/99	Appleby	60	275	
	5,964,089	10/12/99	Murphy et al.	60	286	

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	2,293,898	1/4/2000	Canada			X	

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	6,017,646	1/25/00	Prasad et al.	429	13	
	6,036,827	3/14/00	Andrews et al.	204	252	
	6,045,933	4/4/00	Okamoto	429	17	
	6,053,266	4/2/00	Greenhill et al.	180	65.3	
	6,122,909	9/26/00	Murphy et al.	60	286	
	6,223,844	5/1/01	Greenhill et al.	180	65.3	
	6,232,005	5/15/01	Pettit	429	19	
	6,235,254	5/22/01	Murphy et al.	423	212	
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	5,928,805	7/27/99	Singh et al.	429	13	
	5,595,833	1/21/97	Gardner et al.	429	19	
	6,068,941	5/30/00	Fuller et al.	429	13	

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